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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 2069

FOR WHITE HOUSE - PHIL WISE  
WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, GY  
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

REF: GEORGETOWN 2030

1. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE TODAY, AUGUST 31, TO SAY THAT, IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT CARTER, HE WILL SEND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PTOLEMY REID AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PANAMA TREATIES SIGNING CEREMONY. REID WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FRED WILLS. BURNHAM SAID HE HOPED VERY MUCH THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO PRESIDENT CARTER. HE REGRETTED THAT THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION GENERATED BY THE SUGAR STRIKE MADE IT IMPERATIVE THAT HE STAY IN GUYANA.

2. HE ALSO HOPED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH REID FOR A DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT OF INTEREST. REID WOULD WANT TO CONVEY DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

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--US-GUYANA RELATIONS.  
--THE DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY BEING IMPLEMENTED IN GUYANA.  
--GUYANA'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT.  
--ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. REID IS RESPECTED THROUGHOUT GUYANA AS A MAN OF

ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY WHO IS DEDICATED TO GUYANA'S DEVELOPMENT. REID IS PROBABLY THE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF BURNHAM'S SUBORDINATES ON MATTERS OF GUYANA'S INTERNAL POLITICS. BURNHAM TRUSTS HIM MORE THAN ANY OTHER GUYANESE LEADER. AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS, REID HAS STRONG INFLUENCE WITHIN THE PNC. EXPERIENCES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WHILE HE WAS A STUDENT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT TUSKEGEE--1949-55--JAUNDICED HIS OUTLOOK TOWARD THE US SOMEWHAT, HOWEVER, HE IS FAIR-MINDED AND A LOOK AT THE US TODAY SHOULD GIVE HIM A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRM WHETHER BURNHAM'S PROPOSAL TO SEND REID IN HIS PLACE IS ACCEPTABLE AND, IF SO, WHETHER INVITATION FOR PERSONAL MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT STILL STANDS.

5. DETAILS DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED CONCERNING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND TOTAL NUMBER IN PARTY WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL. BLACKEN

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